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4. A letter to Chairman Tom Murray (D., Tenn.) of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee requesting changes in section 2 of H. R. 1870 was prepared and signed by the Director. The letter suggested that section 2 be revised so as to preserve the Director's authority under section 102(c) of the National Security Act. This letter was cleared by telephone with Mr. James Hyde in the Bureau of the Budget. However, prior to its delivery to the Committee staff, Mr. Hyde called and withdrew his clearance. He indicated that the Administration's position on this legislation had not been fully developed, and although the Bureau had no objection to our request, he did not want to clear our letter until the Bureau had considered all aspects of this bill. He also indicated that the Committee had decided to postpone hearings on H. R. 1870 until after the Easter recess. We shall keep in touch with Mr. Hyde on this matter.